

HEALTHCARE INTERPRETATIONS TASK FORCE INTERPRETATION

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Code: NFPA 101, 1985 and Subsequent Editions.

Background: Many Authorities having Jurisdiction (AHJ's) require floor plans showing evacuation routes to be posted on each floor of a healthcare facility. The AHJ's often cite Sections 31-4.1.1 and 31-4.2.2 of the 1985 edition of NFPA 101 and similar sections in other editions of the Life Safety Code. For example, HCFA's Fire Safety Report for the 1985 Code in K48 states "A simple floor plan showing the evacuation routes is posted in prominent locations on all floors. 31-4.1.1, 31-4.2.2"; however, the referenced Code section does not specifically require these evacuation plans.

Question: Does the Life Safety Code require that floor plans showing evacuation routes be posted on all or any floors of a healthcare facility?

Answer: NO